

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Nursing

Registration and Licensure Fees (LAC 46:XLVII.3361)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Nursing (board), pursuant to the authority vested in the board by R.S. 37:918(12), Act 95 of the 1966 Special Legislative Session, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., proposes to amend its rules and regulations, LAC 46:XLVII.3361.

The text of these proposed rules may be view in its entirety in the Emergency Rule Section of this issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

A public hearing will be held on July 25, 1996 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room of the board, 3510 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 501, Metairie, LA 70002. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed rules.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed rules no later than the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on July 18, 1996. Comments should be submitted to Barbara L. Morvant, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 3510 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 501, Metairie, LA 70002.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Registration and Licensure Fees

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that one additional R.N. staff member and one additional secretary will be needed to implement this program. Additional operating expenditures for printing, equipment and computer software programming will be incurred. The projected costs are \$55,809.99 for FY 95-96 (beginning January 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996); \$117,356 for FY 96-97; and \$112,579.08 for FY 97-98. some of the projected costs for FY 95-96 have already been incurred.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Revenue projections are based on initial application of 1500 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The number of initial applicants is based on the number of currently recognized advanced practitioners of nursing and the number of advanced practitioners of nursing who have allowed their R.N. licensure to lapse or become inactive. A decrease in revenue is anticipated in FY 96-97 and FY 97-98 due to individuals who will retain their R.N. licensure but will practice in another area and will not request licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Revenue projections are \$112,500 for FY 95-96; \$84,750 for FY 96-97; and \$95,310 for FY 97-98. Revenues for FY 95-96 have already been received under authority of previous emergency rules published in the December, 1995 *Louisiana Register*.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Individuals currently recognized as advanced practitioners of nursing will be required to apply for initial licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Applicants will be required to pay a \$75 application fee and will be subject to a \$45 annual renewal fee.

New applicants will be required to meet the educational and certification requirements as accepted by the State Board of Nursing. Individuals seeking to meet the educational requirements after January 1, 1996 must obtain graduate education. Costs will vary greatly depending on the educational program selected and the specific certifying agency.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The impact on competition and employment is unknown at this time.

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